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Subject: EPA Proposed Plan for Wyckoff Eagle Harbor Site

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read the proposed plan for the Wyckoff Eagle Harbor Site and Plan 7 seems to be a reasonable compromise to finally achieve some cleanup. I have two concerns about the plan, one related to logistics and one related to failure of in-situ soil stabilization to retain contaminants over time.

Regardless of the cleanup plan selected, there will be a mammoth scale transport of machinery and equipment to the site. The road infrastructure on Bainbridge Island is limited, in particular Eagle Harbor Drive, and the costs to upgrade the roads before or restore them after the project is complete need to be added into the estimates. Unless something is in the plan to address the off-site infrastructure, I believe Bainbridge Islanders will become unified against any solution. There is not much to like about any plan that results in the destruction of some of the most important roads on the south end of Bainbridge.

Moving equipment and supplies to the site by water, using barges or landing craft, is an option, but it requires a pier or a hard surfaced beach ramp. A pier or ramp would need to be located carefully to provide access to deep water without sitting on top of soil requiring decontamination. All plans would be improved if acceptable location(s) of piers were identified that would be compatible with the cleanup effort associated with the particular plan. Just showing acceptable pier and ramp locations would be an indication to potential cleanup contractors that water transportation is an option. Finally, a pier remaining on the site after the cleanup could be a useful public asset.

Many of the plans use in-situ soil stabilization (ISS) rather than contaminate removal to achieve the cleanup goals. The track record of ISS seems good, but ISS is not really old technology. If the contaminants that are supposed to be immobile do not remain so after 30 or 50 years, are there options to remove them from the ISS monolith? If there are none, then even though it costs more, removing the contaminants rather than immobilizing the contaminants is preferred.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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